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Press Release

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Amherst College Donates \$90,000.00 to the Town of Amherst

Laurence Shaffer, Town Manager for the Town of Amherst is pleased to announce that Amherst College has given \$90,000.00 to the Town of Amherst to be used by the town in any manner it deems appropriate. This gift recognizes the cost that incurs to the town for providing fire and ambulance service to Amherst College. This is the second gift that has been given to the town within this fiscal year. The first gift of \$40,000.00 was given to the Town and the Regional School District to support social services and educational needs in the community.

Amherst College continues to be a very important partner with the town to shape and improve the community. President Anthony Marx of Amherst College has demonstrated his commitment to making a difference in the community by advocating such contributions and by providing encouragement in a variety of other efforts that will contribute to the long term ability for the Town to support needed public services. Amherst College is an important partner as the town moves forward to address the challenges it faces.

Laurence Shaffer said, "I deeply appreciate the contribution made to the Town of Amherst by Amherst College. These are difficult times. It is wonderful to see the town's great friend and partner step up to help us when we need it the most. It is particularly meaningful understanding how difficult a year it has been financially for Amherst College."

Tony Marx said, "We hope this gift demonstrates Amherst College's enduring commitment to the Town of Amherst. We thank the town for the excellent fire and ambulance service it provides to the college. We also are heartened that costs associated with those services have declined considerably of late, a trend we hope will continue. Please be assured we will consider similar contributions in future years as circumstances warrant, and continue to collaborate with the town on economic development initiatives."

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